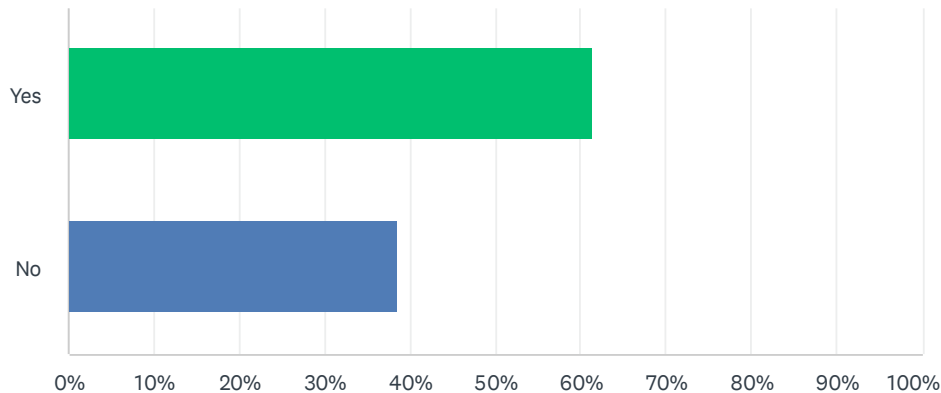


Q1 Would you like to see an amendment that allows for RANKED CHOICE VOTING for county elected officials positions?The amendment would allow voters the option to rank up to six candidates for each county office. If no candidate receives more than 50% of first choice votes, the last place candidate is eliminated. If your first choice is eliminated, your next choice will be counted, and so on. The process of elimination continues until there is a winner (or winners when used to choose Top Two in the primary).If you want to watch a YouTube video to see how this works, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHRPMJmzBBw>

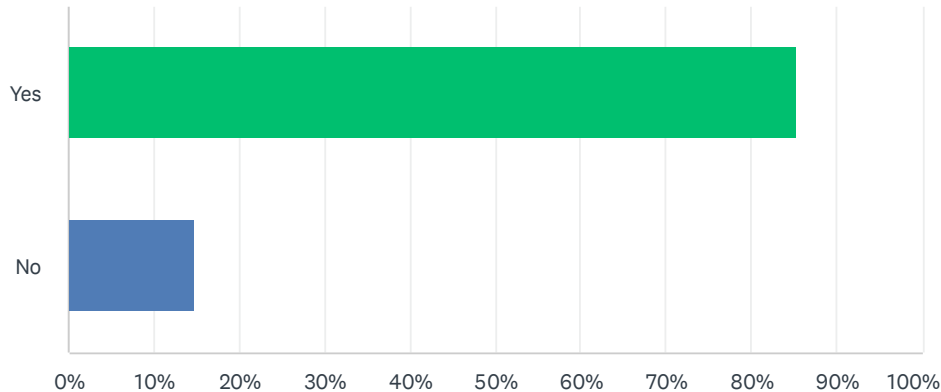
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		61.42%	156
No		38.58%	98
TOTAL			254

## Q2 Were you previously familiar with RANKED CHOICE VOTING and how it operates?

Answered: 259 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	85.33% 221
No	14.67% 38
TOTAL	259

#	DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT RANKED CHOICE VOTING?	DATE
1	I am generally in favor of local government options in managing local affairs. Clark County voters should have a chance to at least try RANKED CHOICE VOTING, preferably for 2 or 3 election cycles to give it a fair test. If we decide it's not for Clark County, and does not deliver the intended benefits, we should be able to go back to the top two primary system.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
2	Heard about it being used in East Coast states with results which are not straight forward and honest.	11/28/2021 11:01 AM
3	No	11/24/2021 10:54 AM
4	One would think that after the debacle that Pierce County went through with RCV, that no other county in the state would be irresponsible enough to consider using it. Once we get past the additional expense, and the potential disenfranchisement of our most vulnerable voters, the fact that it can result in bizarre outcomes (such as the election of noted gadfly and anti-government whacko Dale Washam in Pierce County), is plenty of reason to reject any consideration of RCV.	11/24/2021 9:50 AM
5	Please don't do this. It's a really bad idea!	11/23/2021 11:18 PM
6	Why?	11/23/2021 11:05 PM
7	Just my opinion but it seems best to be focusing on the quality and positions of the individuals running for office rather than party.	11/23/2021 7:52 PM
8	It would be a real possibility that only Democrats would make it through thereby shutting out conservative choices. We are a deep blue state and on its way to becoming exclusively blue even without rank choice voting. Clark Co. Council is a Unicorn in a political sense but with all the negative attention they receive it will become more and more blue.	11/23/2021 7:11 PM
9	If there are more than 5 candidates, eliminate at least two	11/23/2021 6:45 PM

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10	Don't like it	11/23/2021 5:34 PM
11	The cost of holding elections along with all the time and materials consumed in it is a strong argument for it.	11/23/2021 5:30 PM
12	The wave of the future	11/23/2021 2:24 PM
13	I've been watching documentaries and reading about ranked choice voting for the last several years. There are many upsides, and few downsides. This country has been gripped by partisanship for decades, especially the last 10 years. Let's show the entire country that Clark County can rise above it, and have more than 2 points of view.	11/23/2021 1:57 PM
14	Ranked choice voting is a more democratic way of running elections, encourages similar candidates to work together rather than compete, and promotes third parties	11/23/2021 12:40 PM
15	This is a cumbersome and unnecessary process, and many voters will not rank all candidates. Our top 2 primary system works.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
16	In a two party system ranked choice voting is the way to give people a voice for who they really want to elect instead of the lesser of two evils voting we currently have.	11/23/2021 6:56 AM
17	If you want to see the results of "ranked choice voting", all you have to do is open your eyes and look at what's left of California. Nearly every large city in that state uses ranked choice. That's how all those cities ended up full to the gills with leftists, "progressives", and escapees from mental institutions. If that's what you want for us, hey, go for it, but never whine about the atrocity you committed. If, on the other hand, you have any sanity and respect left, DO NOT fall for this communist sucker trap and vote down "ranked choice" "voting".	11/22/2021 8:42 PM
18	I strongly support RCV. I believe it will produce more effective elected officials with greater accountability to voters. I believe it will reduce the role of big money in county elections, making it easier for citizens that are not wealthy to run for office and be successful based on their stands on issues of importance to the majority of voters.	11/22/2021 8:35 PM
19	It's common sense and long overdue.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
20	It is the future of our democracy if we intend to see it survive.	11/22/2021 3:33 PM
21	I like that method of choosing secondary votes better than other systems proposed	11/21/2021 2:41 PM
22	Ranked choice voting will provide information that is valuable. It not only gives us the info in Case something happens to the first choice candidate, it also gives us citizens choice preferences for other uses.	11/21/2021 7:43 AM
23	Pierce County attempted it and it was a huge failure. In additionally it isn't allowed under Washington law.	11/20/2021 9:44 AM
24	It strikes me as a better way to see the will of the people enacted.	11/20/2021 6:33 AM
25	We saw it in New York.... It was explained on many talk and news shows.	11/19/2021 10:38 PM
26	Too complicated. Many would not vote.	11/19/2021 3:18 PM
27	In a democracy there are few things more important than a government which is representative of the people. Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a better system than what we currently have. RCV allows for a voter in races with multiple candidates to rank their choices in order of preference. This helps ensures not only that each vote counts, but each vote has real power and meaning. In today's world, too many voters believe that their vote does not matter. Implementing RCV will challenge those assumptions and help lead to more participation in local, state, and federal elections. Eventually RCV could mean the end to certain primary races, which may result in lower costs for elections. Please allow the citizens of Clark County to vote on whether they would like to see better and more fair elections.	11/19/2021 11:40 AM
28	Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) allows 1) Me to pick my favorite candidate without worrying about throwing my vote away, 2) Encourages a larger candidate pool since they don't need to fear of becoming a "spoiler," 3) Motivates candidates to fun positive, issue-focused campaigns and to reach out to all voters to garner a spot in the top-3, 4) Ensures that elected officials better reflect Clark County, 5) Voters feel represented by their elected officials.	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
29	I am opposed to this proposal.	11/16/2021 10:53 AM
30	This is clearly an attempt to subvert the democratic process. Not no, but HELL no! One	11/16/2021 10:23 AM

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person, one vote.

31	No	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
32	It is currently an option in Clark County Elections Dept. Hart InterCivic Verity Software version 2.5 (newly and illegally installed in 2021)	11/16/2021 6:20 AM
33	Ranked choice voting could have unintended consequences resulting in a less qualified candidate.	11/15/2021 9:20 PM
34	It's bogus. Life is about choices, not gaming the system. No ranked choice has worked since 1776! Let's stick with what we have.	11/15/2021 7:56 PM
35	Next time - not now	11/15/2021 3:23 PM
36	Encourages civil (issue-focused) campaigning and reduces wasted votes	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
37	I think ranked choice voting should only be implemented if/when the State of Washington implements it as well. I fear the differing vote methods could be confusing to the average voter.	11/15/2021 2:24 PM
38	Ranked choice voting will succeed to the extent that all candidates provide detailed information about their position/s on key issues for Clark Co residents. For example, if two candidates provide details and two others remain silent on the issues, how can a voter rank all four, absent insight from two candidates? This approach therefore should REQUIRE candidates to prepare detailed statements on all key issues in the coming term.	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
39	It's confusing and not sure it's needed for Clark County. Maybe it should be adopted by the legislature since the whole state should run the same type of elections.	11/15/2021 9:27 AM
40	Leave it alone	11/15/2021 5:06 AM
41	Absolutely necessary to have RCV especially with nonpartisan county elections	11/14/2021 8:58 PM
42	This would be a significant improvement over current system	11/14/2021 7:56 PM
43	Make the explanation as simple as possible.	11/14/2021 4:40 PM
44	This only works when there is enough publicized information on all the candidates. It only works if there are more than one candidate. Clark County Democrats need to recruit more qualified candidates for office, ALL offices.	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
45	This system opens the door for a minority of voters to actually elect a individual that the majority clearly would not.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
46	A good percentage of the 34% of voters that vote are merely marking the names of who their most familiar with or who has the most signs. Asking these voters to rank 6 candidates they don't know will simply disengage more people who vote.	11/13/2021 9:28 PM
47	It invalidates the whole election process.	11/13/2021 8:36 PM
48	It will encourage citizen participation in the voting process and reduce political polarization.	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
49	Will the County's Election Office need to update software to be able to process ballots using ranked choice voting? What will the cost be? Will the County Council approve a budget including these funds in addition to current funding for Elections office? This is important information to have provided to determine if now is the time to begin offering this voting tabulation process.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM
50	As long as it's all legal and ONE vote per registered state ID or SS card being shown at voting before be counted as valid	11/13/2021 3:41 PM
51	If only this race uses RCV, what is the impact on the elections office - will they need two different systems? Cost?	11/13/2021 3:21 PM
52	It's commie bullshit	11/13/2021 1:58 PM
53	If communists want it, it must be bad.	11/13/2021 12:29 PM
54	Its a meaningful representation of the whole community	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
55	After the fiasco of the New York City Democratic Primary, I think more work needs to be done	11/13/2021 12:02 PM

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before implementing any sort of ranked choice voting system. Nearly 50% of citizens are already inclined to distrust our elections. This isn't the right time to try to introduce even more unfamiliar processes.

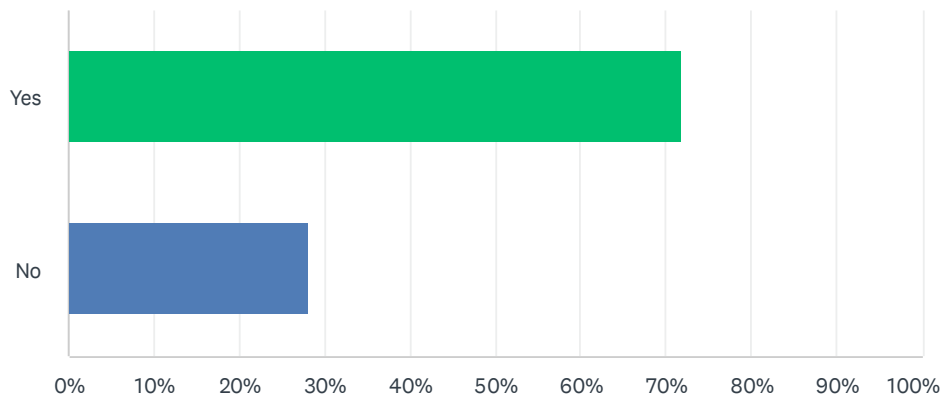
56	Democracy is just a softer form of communism. Its 3 wolves and a sheep voting on whats for dinner.	11/13/2021 11:21 AM
57	I approve of RCV for elections but see no need for its use in primaries.	11/13/2021 10:59 AM
58	Fractional voting is useless and makes it very difficult to detect mistakes and fraud.	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
59	I am a card-carrying member of the Libertarian Party but I almost never vote for my preferred libertarian candidate out of fear of wasting my vote	11/13/2021 10:15 AM
60	We need ranked choice to have a real choice.	11/13/2021 10:12 AM
61	I used to be concerned that a lot of people wouldn't understand the mechanism and/or it would be hard to administer. That concern has subsided. There IS the problem that, in a lot of cases, results of an election won't be know right away. I personally think that is all right.	11/13/2021 9:47 AM
62	Makes sense.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
63	It's awful	11/13/2021 7:59 AM
64	Campaigns become more civil when second place is not a bad spot to be. Also, RCV helps identify the candidate with the most support across the board, not just with their base.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
65	My opinion would be based on bringing back or keeping partisan ticket identification. Ranked choice is dangerous when a party can run a fake candidate to split the vote and make sure the leading opposing party does not make the ticket. At least that is my fear.	11/12/2021 11:14 PM
66	Seems this just costs the taxpayer more money and drags out the process.	11/12/2021 10:33 PM
67	Ranked choice voting lets you vote for the best person instead of voting for a lesser person that you think could win.	11/12/2021 10:23 PM
68	Complicated & would be relatively easy to miscount.	11/12/2021 8:04 PM
69	This is the wrong time to introduce Ranked Choice Voting especially before an extensive education effort is completed. Too few of the electorate vote in our current system and if people don't understand the process of voting I'm concerned that even fewer voters will vote.	11/12/2021 7:56 PM
70	Worried that people have already found a way to undermine the process in the few places that have implemented rcv.	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
71	Please put Ranked Choice voting on the ballot and let citizens decide. It will help heal the divisiveness that we see in politics. Encourage more people to run and increase voter turnout and engagement.	11/12/2021 7:01 PM
72	YES, WE NEED Ranked Choice Voting. It's one of the best ways to ensure we have a more diverse list of candidates, and to pry control for major parties, which may have become too partisan to actually function.	11/12/2021 6:26 PM
73	I like it. A person's vote is not thrown away if the first choice loses.	11/12/2021 5:55 PM
74	While it's not perfect, I absolutely believe ranked choice voting is a better solution than the current winner-take-all system.	11/12/2021 5:42 PM
75	While it eliminates majority rule, it saves money and prevents the voter fatigue that result from run off elections. It seems a pragmatic choice.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
76	It is the only realistic option to move towards working together and making democracy functional again	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
77	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
78	Bad idea	11/12/2021 4:02 PM
79	Ranked choice at the county level will serve Clark County's population much better than top 2 in the August primary, followed by the November selection between the 2 finalists from the August election.	11/12/2021 4:02 PM

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80	Great idea	11/12/2021 3:18 PM
81	I'd prefer to have all or nothing, i.e. a well-designed statewide system of Ranked Choice Voting, rather than having state and federal being conventional voting and just the county being ranked choice. It may be a simple concept, but RCV is seen as complicated by most people, and now more than ever we need to be able to maintain public confidence in our elections processes.	11/12/2021 3:07 PM
82	My first thought was why don't you just pick the winner by musical chairs?	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
83	would prefer to see it for the entire ballot but....	11/12/2021 2:24 PM
84	It should be adopted from the national level down, to minimize/eliminate the so-called Stein or Nader effect.	11/12/2021 2:14 PM
85	RANK VOTING LETS ONE FINALLY VOTE FOR THE LESSER OF THE EVILS, OR THE MOST EVIL.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
86	Many will not understand why this form of voting promotes democracy. It will be a very hard sell especially among the far right fringe in Clark County.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
87	It is far more logical and fair than our electoral college and should be used nationwide.	11/12/2021 1:57 PM
88	It is more fair and balanced.	11/12/2021 1:54 PM
89	It's a good idea generally, but especially in our current open/jungle primary system.	11/12/2021 1:51 PM
90	I support RCV because it encourages candidates to reach out beyond their narrow base of support. That's good for politics in general and especially now with so much division.	11/12/2021 1:44 PM
91	Ranked-choice voting is easy to understand and voters like it where it's being used. Republicans and Democrats across the country have moved to ranked-choice voting for local, state, and even federal elections. Clark County voters should be able to decide if we bring ranked-choice voting is used.	11/12/2021 1:14 PM
92	Bad idea and too much education is needed - no one understands it and New York was a failure	11/12/2021 11:47 AM

**Q3 SELECTION OF COUNTY MANAGER** The County Council currently hires the county manager based on their executive experience and professional administrative qualifications. Should the Council consult with the other county executive elected officials in an open, public meeting before selecting a new county manager?(The executive elected officials are: Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer.)

Answered: 253 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.94%	182
No	28.06%	71
TOTAL		253

#	DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS TO ADD REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE COUNTY MANAGER?	DATE
1	Doesn't the County Council do that already? If not, why not?	11/28/2021 9:53 PM
2	The elected county officials all will have to work with the County Manager and should have a say in the selection, even if the final decision is up to the County Council. Having an open session ensures that both the public and Council hear the input of the elected officials. I believe that this is healthier for democracy in the long run than with the closed system we have now.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
3	Transparency is good. Other officials with professional jobs to do within the county should add insight and knowledge to what is important to in a county manager.	11/23/2021 7:52 PM
4	There's no reason for this. Those other elected officials do not supervise or report to the county manager. This is the county council's job.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
5	Should be a separate elected office; the other currently elected officials should be appointed by the County Executive with the exception of the Prosecuting Attorney	11/23/2021 11:19 AM
6	County staff feedback should be solicited, too.	11/23/2021 11:12 AM
7	A new approach may be worth it, considering that since the County Manager system was implemented it hasn't been very successful. The MORE open and transparent the selection	11/22/2021 8:42 PM

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process is, the healthier it is for Clark County. You also might look in to hiring candidates from around here instead of hiring people from "back east" that don't know squat about this state or area.

8	I am not aware of this specific hiring process, but I would fully support an open, public, and transparent process that allows all concerns to be heard. However, if it is only to open the door to political forces which have nothing to do with hiring the best person for the job, I would prefer to let the existing process stand.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
9	Employment contract negotiations in the public eye may be difficult.	11/21/2021 2:41 PM
10	There could be other information and issues not available on there work history and experience.	11/21/2021 7:43 AM
11	The other county executive officials are in less politically fraught positions. Their input should be welcomed.	11/20/2021 6:33 AM
12	If the county manage has any say in there operations then yes?	11/19/2021 10:38 PM
13	The county manager and county executives must work together to provide good governance for the community. The county council should not make such an important decision without input from each executive office holder. Allowing these deliberations in a transparent public forum will serve the community well.	11/19/2021 11:40 AM
14	It's a great method of solid team building.	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
15	You cannot be too transparent!	11/16/2021 10:23 AM
16	The County Manager answers to the County Council not the other County Officials.	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
17	Should be an elected position as a check and balance.	11/16/2021 6:20 AM
18	It could politicize the hiring process, given thatthese indivuals are elected officials.	11/15/2021 9:20 PM
19	This will water down even more, the impact the county elected Councilors have on our County government and the County Manager. Heck no!	11/15/2021 7:56 PM
20	Executive experience and administrative qualifications may be exaggerated. A good rapport between the County manager and other county elected officials is important in achieving program goals in an expedient manner.	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
21	My yes vote on this proposal comes with a couple of questions: (1) Would input from executive elected officials be advisory only or would that input carry voting weight (to one degree or another)? (2) During how many stages of the hiring process would the other executive elected officials be offering input: a) during review of submitted resumes? b) during one-to-one interview process? c) after 2-3 finalists have been vetted and invited to submit follow up credentials? (d) prior to the start of the hiring process (to offer thoughts on what sort of candidate would best serve the county)?	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
22	The County Manager needs skills, not political charm.	11/15/2021 11:59 AM
23	Shouldn't the County Council consult with all department heads regarding the selection of County Manager?	11/14/2021 4:40 PM
24	County Managers have significant power to focus, to steer and to ultimately make choices for the County Commission.	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
25	there should be an open and competitive process. Even if they have someone in mind that person should compete with other interested and qualified candidates.	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
26	The ONLY control to ensure that the county manager actually implements the directions and policies of the legislative body is their sole control over the individuals continued employment in that post. That is NOT the job of the other elected officials in the county.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
27	It makes sense to have a broader group to have a consensus of. The County Manager makes more decisions that impact our daily lives than does the council.	11/13/2021 9:28 PM
28	Who would be held accountable for poor performance?	11/13/2021 8:36 PM
29	Could be very political	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
30	Getting more input on the selection process and desired knowledge, skills, and abilities is a	11/13/2021 5:35 PM



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good hiring practice.

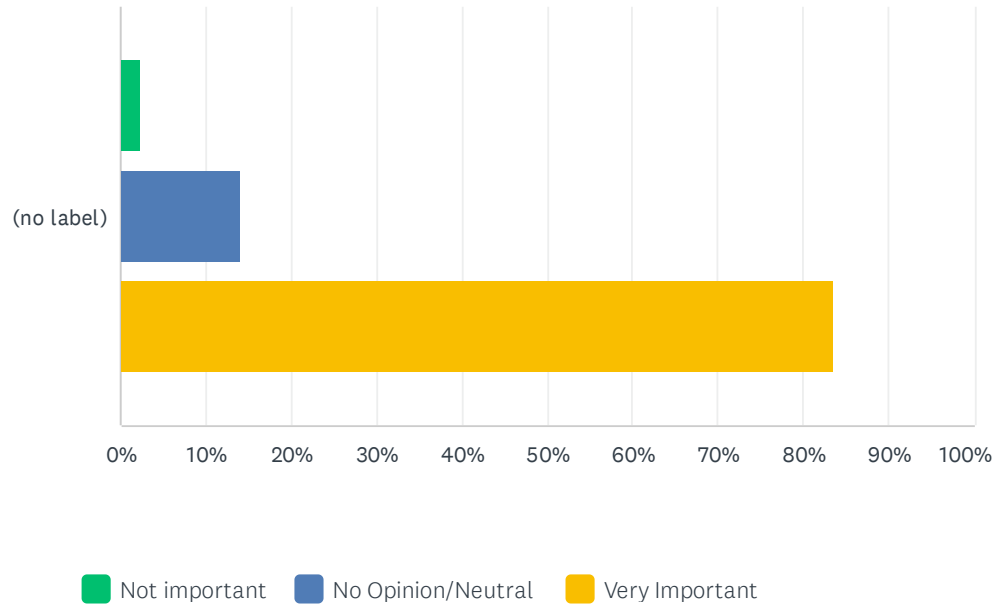
31	I encourage the County Council to hire the county manager in an open community-oriented process and include input from the other county elected officials and community leaders.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM
32	Until we get an honest prosecutor in office who upholds the law and does not do illegal things as Tiny Golick does, he should NOT be included in anything	11/13/2021 3:41 PM
33	Am retired now, but in companies that I worked for candidates were often interviewed by managers from other departments that would interface with	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
34	More commie bullshit	11/13/2021 1:58 PM
35	I don't know any reason why the current County Manager selection process needs to change. Is there a problem with the current process?	11/13/2021 12:57 PM
36	Council is the accountable responsible entity. The county manager should be apolitical.	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
37	Since everyone will need to work with a county manager, more inclusion and airing of expectations is a good thing. Having public attention on the process is good as well.	11/13/2021 12:02 PM
38	The search for new officials should focus on candidates from the same size or larger or larger locales. Special attention should be given to a candidate's familiarity with the unique conditions and issues in Clark County and the PNW.	11/13/2021 10:59 AM
39	The current method hasn't worked well, given the number of managers we've had in recent years. Any input from other officials and the public should improve the hiring decision.	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
40	This should be an elected positions	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
41	No opinion	11/13/2021 10:15 AM
42	I haven't thought much about this and my opinion is not firm, yet.	11/13/2021 9:47 AM
43	Public encounters with prospective county managers are an important ingredient of the selection process. Elected officials could participate in such open forums. However, I don't think it appropriate to mandate "consultation" with certain individuals to the exclusion of others. It is also important to avoid diluting the county council's authority and accountability with regard to the hiring of a county manager.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
44	Open hiring forums tend to focus on what the candidate has done which was "good." Public forums tend to avoid/ignore questions about future possibilities — in order to avoid "raising the public's expectations." Meeting in a public forum also tends to preclude discussions of a candidate's prior failings or shortcomings — in order to prevent the possibilities of lawsuits.	11/13/2021 7:52 AM
45	Claiming executive session for every single conversation regarding a manager keeps information from the public. There needs to be some kind of review process that indeed the conversation required executive privilege.	11/13/2021 7:24 AM
46	Transparency in the hiring process is always a good thing. There will be a lot of "playing to the audience" with certain elected officials, however. There may be an opportunity to campaign to the base, rather than focus on hiring.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
47	If the county manager is not an elected official and would therefore be "over" the elected officials, does this make sense???	11/12/2021 10:33 PM
48	The Manager should be elected	11/12/2021 8:27 PM
49	What does it mean to consult them?	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
50	The citizens of the community should have an opportunity to engage in the hiring process and help ensure the County Manager doesn't just end up being a crony of which ever party happens to have the majority of votes at the time. The County Manager should be able to demonstrate the skills needed to do the job, not just know the right people.	11/12/2021 6:26 PM
51	I don't have an opinion on this	11/12/2021 5:55 PM
52	We elect the county council to do this. If they'd like to consult in public, go for it, but required, no. The Council needs to do its job.	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
53	Unless those officials have veto power, it seems a waste of time to require their input.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM

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54	It will be important to be able to see the thoughts of the executive electeds as well as the council	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
55	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
56	The County Manager has no authority over the offices of the other elected officials so there's no reason to include them in the selection process.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
57	However the selection is decided; there needs to be a non-partisan person in those positions.	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
58	Experience and Qualifications should prevail	11/12/2021 4:02 PM
59	I think it is a good idea to have a broader base of ideas/opinions when choosing a county manager.	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
60	GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSE TO BE OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD AT ALL TIMES	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
61	We elect the council to make this decision. If members do their due diligence, other parts of county government will be asked for input. Not the end of the world if the proposed amendment would be adopted.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
62	The process would help establish the candidate with his peers and the community.	11/12/2021 1:57 PM
63	I don't particularly care about adding more steps and don't have any more faith in those offices than the Council- could be useful if the Council doesn't understand things those people do. My main concern with the Manager is that I wish we were hiring more locals, or at least people from the Pacific Northwest for that position. It's weird to keep hiring relocating East Coasters and I'd take less experience and from WA/OR, over more experience from elsewhere.	11/12/2021 1:51 PM
64	This process must be open to the public and would benefit from community comments or a panel of community members able to interact with at least a portion of the interview and review process.	11/12/2021 1:09 PM
65	Consult with no authority is a waste of everyone's time and effort	11/12/2021 11:47 AM

## Q4 How important is it to county operations to have the county's elected officials communicate with each other?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 3



	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION/NEUTRAL	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	2.33%	14.01%	83.66%		
	6	36	215	257	2.81

#	WHY/WHY NOT? WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	Another no brainer, that should already be happening. Is the county this dysfunctional?	11/28/2021 9:53 PM
2	Lack of communication frequently results in poor choices	11/23/2021 2:24 PM
3	It's easier to work towards shared goals when it's clear which goals are shared.	11/23/2021 1:57 PM
4	No need to allow fringe whackjobs (already threatening our school boards) or political elements to corrupt/impede county operations that are vital to all our citizens. We do not want to mirror the ridiculous gridlock in Federal government. We need our county to function.	11/23/2021 12:45 PM
5	Promoting communication and community participation is never a bad thing.	11/23/2021 12:40 PM
6	Well of course it's important. The activities and expenditures incurred by each of those officials are of direct concern to the county council. Further, the officials have information about their offices that the councilors should be made aware of to better perform their duties.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
7	The county does not have a Director of Communications. There is no concentrated effort to make sure internal or external outreach and comms initiatives are done. They should be required to do it themselves, or finally hire that position that has been empty for years.	11/23/2021 11:12 AM
8	ever hear of "the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing"?	11/22/2021 8:42 PM
9	I believe county officials should always be looking for the most effective policies to address an issue. Everyone's ideas should be given a respectful hearing.	11/22/2021 8:35 PM
10	Bizarre question. Who on earth thinks it is better for each critical part of an overall system to not communicate? Sadly, the problem is more likely that elected officials can't actually do the	11/22/2021 4:50 PM

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work of the people and must maintain the party line and always blame the other side for why something they are responsible for is not functioning as expected or desired.

11	I'm generally in favor of more communication, but not familiar enough with county workings to know how more communication between elected officials would or would not be beneficial	11/21/2021 8:33 PM
12	Share information but stay in their own lane.	11/21/2021 2:41 PM
13	Communication is essential	11/21/2021 7:43 AM
14	For a smother running government	11/19/2021 10:38 PM
15	Communication is key to success.	11/19/2021 11:40 AM
16	A solid, effective team depends on open communication. I expect my elected county team to meet or exceed effectiveness goals that cannot be obtained without communication between departments.	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
17	We elect individuals and hold them accountable to the whims of the county operators, therefore those that we pay to oversee the the operations of county government have priority in regard to transparency. If any agency created by the elected believes it can withhold pertinent information that those elected might need to make an intelligent informed decision in regard to their constituency, then the agency should be unceremoniously defunded.	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
18	The more communication the better.	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
19	Collaboration needs to happen among county officials for the benefit of the public.	11/15/2021 9:20 PM
20	Are you implying they are not communicating with each other now? Why ask this question?	11/15/2021 7:56 PM
21	Any team needs to communicate if they want to be successful. Not communicating seems silly and unprofessional.	11/15/2021 5:04 PM
22	see above	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
23	The answer to this question is so obvious, one wonders why it is being asked. Is there resistance, currently, among elected officials to inter-dept communication??? (Or is the problem related to unavailable time for that kind of healthy interaction?)	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
24	"Communicate" is vague. How is that communication done and when? will the communication be public?	11/15/2021 1:12 PM
25	How will this make them talk to each other?	11/15/2021 5:06 AM
26	It's very important as long as there are measures that prohibit back-room deal making out of the public's view. If this can be done in ways that promote transparency and accountability, wise decision-making and democratic, distributed decision-making. And not in ways that amplify polarization and power-over, win-lose decisions.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
27	Hard to imagine an organization running smoothly without that communication.	11/14/2021 4:40 PM
28	Communication is key to creating effective and pertinent policies.	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
29	Don't really grasp how this question relates to the charter and has a push poll quality to it	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
30	The whole purpose of needing 5 elected county councilors was to afford them the ability to communicate without violating state open public meetings act laws. The decide that they cannot makes no sense whatsoever.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
31	This seems like a silly question. The more points of view with input in a decision, by definition, make for a better decision.	11/13/2021 9:28 PM
32	County departments are not independent. They have a SHARED responsibility to serve the growth and economic development and safety of the citizens they SERVE.	11/13/2021 8:36 PM
33	Effective, efficient, and equitable performance involves elected officials working together, with common purpose, for the common good.	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
34	I believe that in order to effectively budget for all the different offices/departments with countywide elected officials it is important that for county council to have good working relationships with all elected officials.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM

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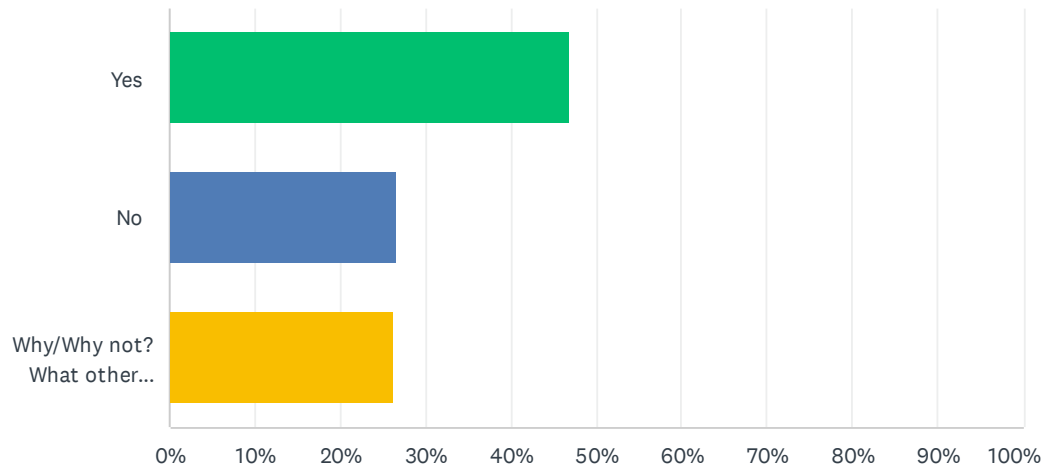
35	Cuts the political BS. This might happen now that most elective positions are now non partisan	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
36	Because you'll just come up with more ways to tax us and make business more difficult in Clark county. The operations staff seem to always be central planners so there would be more pressure to make the rural areas the way that Vancouver communist see fit.	11/13/2021 1:58 PM
37	It's important, but you can't legislate personality. Trying to mandate a conversation, especially in a public meeting, will result in a fluffy waste of time. Voters should elect good people, and the charter should help them govern well.	11/13/2021 1:53 PM
38	I don't understand this question or why it is being asked	11/13/2021 1:06 PM
39	County officials have been doing everything I don't want my entire life.	11/13/2021 12:29 PM
40	The county manager should bring this group together monthly to discuss openly. Should include superior muni court administrators. Note: I am truly surprised by this question as meetings are beneficial. Break down silo government. Increase collaboration. Extremely important particularly in terms of cost benefit of interdependent departments operations and technology integration.	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
41	All their departments should be abolished and let private markets take up the service.	11/13/2021 11:21 AM
42	Open lines of communication is important in any organization especially when tasked with running a county. The current apparent lack of communication and imperious attitude of the current county chair is embarrassing and detrimental to cohesive operations.	11/13/2021 10:59 AM
43	Communications are essential to smooth functioning. None of these officials can carry out the functions of their department without working with the others.	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
44	Discussion creates informed decision making	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
45	No opinion	11/13/2021 10:15 AM
46	They have to work together for the good of the county so they should communicate with one another.	11/13/2021 8:09 AM
47	County government is an organism of many parts and better outcomes are achieved when all the functional areas of the organization communicate well.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
48	We all know the deputy administrators do all the actual work. I was employed at a high level in Clark County for many years. The talking-head elected officials take on a quite light work load. The least they could do is 'appear' to have vested interests and communicate publicly and offer opinions, insights and make more than menial appearances.	11/13/2021 7:24 AM
49	Communication is key for building trust and coming up with the best solutions to issues confronting our county.	11/13/2021 7:03 AM
50	When politics and personal animus prevents open communication between the elected leaders, its the voters that lose.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
51	They also need to openly communicate with other surrounding public entity officials. They are not a royal board, quit acting like it!	11/12/2021 11:14 PM
52	Having worked for a county and seeing the lack of communication, this seems like a no brainer	11/12/2021 10:33 PM
53	There should be enough basic communications that cooperation and a sense of the county culture is achieved.	11/12/2021 10:26 PM
54	Effective communication throughout a complex organization is essential; otherwise you have chaos.	11/12/2021 9:50 PM
55	They might learn from each other. Things are too siloed right now.	11/12/2021 8:53 PM
56	County departments have clear elected leaders as selected by voters.	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
57	Open communications are essential to county operations function as intended. There should be smooth communications from both sides, as those familiar with the tasks required need to be heard and understood, when elected officials, simply do not understand the requirements of the job to be done.	11/12/2021 6:26 PM
58	More communication is always a good thing.	11/12/2021 5:55 PM

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59	This seems like a loaded question...who would say 'no'??	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
60	It is important to prevent duplication of effort.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
61	They are independent officials. It they want to communicate with each other it is their choice. This seems like a totally irrelevant question.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
62	Everyone benefits when there is communication.	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
63	Like it or not, the elected officials are members of a team with the purpose of efficiently and smoothly performing the functions of the county government. I believe no team can operate efficiently without constant communications.	11/12/2021 3:07 PM
64	I think that it's a very good idea to share ideas and insights. Things that make you question your own bias is what helps to make one grow.	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
65	Each office is run much like a company, with mission statement, goals, staff. Does the Sheriff necessarily have valuable input for, let's say, the Assessor? I suspect not.	11/12/2021 2:14 PM
66	IT IS CALLED WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CITIZENS BENEFIT	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
67	This is a silly question, much like a How do you like beating your wife type of question.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
68	That's just how a functional organization works. If they're going to silo off and dick around, they can go do something else with their retirement.	11/12/2021 1:51 PM
69	Absolutely critical! Each area interacts differently with the public and, as such, bring a different perspective to the county, government, and citizen needs. If elected officials didn't work together it would make things like the joint Assessor/Treasurer/Auditor's office option not be possible, either. At any time any one of those officials could cease the agreement and work independently. As it is they share staff and resources for overlapping business needs and this improves the skills of the employees, lowers the cost to the taxpayers, and streamlines government interactions for the citizens.	11/12/2021 1:09 PM
70	This is a dumb question - who says No?!?	11/12/2021 11:47 AM

**Q5 CHARTER PREAMBLE** Although the United States and Washington state constitutions have preambles, as do several other Washington charter counties, Clark County's Charter does not. Should the Home Rule Charter include a Preamble to introduce the Charter and the benefits, rights and responsibilities it provides?

Answered: 247 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.96%	116
No	26.72%	66
Why/Why not? What other thoughts would you like to share on this subject?	26.32%	65
TOTAL		247

#	WHY/WHY NOT? WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	There should be no more use of "equity" instead of equal and numerically accurate terms. There is no specific definition of equity so it could mean anything the user decides, including the opposite of equal.	11/28/2021 11:01 AM
2	Anything that will help people understand the purpose of a charter... is a good thing!	11/23/2021 7:36 PM
3	Have no opinion	11/23/2021 7:11 PM
4	I have no preferences on this subject.	11/23/2021 5:30 PM
5	Superfluous	11/23/2021 2:24 PM
6	Seems unimportant, there are much more important things that should be focused on	11/23/2021 12:40 PM
7	NO. It works without a preamble, and there's no necessity for motherhood and flag statements, or any other statements such as suggested in #6 below.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
8	yes, but ONLY if the County Charter Preamble reflects the US Constitution preamble backed up by the State Preamble. We do NOT need a preamble based on political correctness, woke-ness, current political hatred, and all the other nastiness afflicting us.	11/22/2021 8:42 PM

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9	Another bizarre question. If a Preamble is good for the United States and the State, why would it be bad for the County? The problem is again political and not about what is best for the greatest number of citizens. (PS. this question is malformed as it removes the "yes," and moves the check to Why/Why not?)	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
10	In principle, yes, of course this should happen. In real life, I'm concerned that some members of the council would turn what ought to be a high statement of principles into a tawdry political knife fight.	11/20/2021 6:33 AM
11	Yes, In today's world we are getting some far out ideas of why we do certain activities. That should help keep are actions on track.	11/19/2021 10:38 PM
12	I consider myself an informed voter and am pretty clueless about the Clark County Charter.	11/19/2021 9:30 AM
13	I just think they are gobbledygook with little meaning	11/17/2021 7:00 PM
14	Are these not clearly stated in original charter?	11/17/2021 6:31 PM
15	If this information is already included within the body of the Charter, then, doing a preamble for the sake of having one is a meaningless waste of time and public funds. Ask yourselves: Is it broken?	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
16	Most have no clue what a preamble is, therefore it is of no value to add one.	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
17	An introduction would be good.	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
18	You seem to be saying the initial Freeholders did a lousy job when they created the original Charter. Why do you think that? You are proposing far too many changes.	11/15/2021 7:56 PM
19	Next time - with change to 5 year reviews next time is soon enough	11/15/2021 3:23 PM
20	The preamble should states the purposes for the Charter. Besides securing the benefits of home rule, its purpose should be to advocate in favor of responsible and accountable governance to enable effective public participation as well as enhancement of a healthy urban and rural environment and economy.	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
21	I checked "yes" above but that indicator was removed as I started typing in this box. I am in favor of a preamble simply because such a statement puts a broader conceptual framed around Clark Co's charter--fundamental governing values, core principles of proper operation, a general pledge to work dutifully on behalf of all county citizens, etc.	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
22	No opinion at all. If it helps, do it.	11/15/2021 11:59 AM
23	I'm undecided on this issue either way.	11/14/2021 10:53 PM
24	Framing the intention and goals is a good thing. Hopefully will clarify any ambiguities asa to purpose.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
25	I believe a preamble will show the ambiance and ethos of the Clark County Commission. It should be well-defined and discernable for all residents to see. It will (should) give all residents and Commisioners some guardrails for policy and minimum standards of ethics and behavior.	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
26	I suppose this is a good idea but care should be exercised to ensure it doesn't take a position on things or make promises beyond what is adopted in the charter.	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
27	Is a waste of time.	11/14/2021 2:25 AM
28	A preamble should be included only if it is legally binding in some way, such as with legislative notes on a bill.	11/13/2021 10:09 PM
29	why bother since you have literally blocked the rights of the people to control their government.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
30	Yes, and the preamble should state Councilors and other elected officials are pledged to working collaboratively for the common good, and are focused on providing efficient, effective, and equitable government.	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
31	I guess I'd need to read other preambles from other charters.	11/13/2021 5:28 PM
32	Really doesn't matter what you write, government officials will do whatever they want no matter what the vote as in car tabs, it was determined voters were too stupid to know what they were	11/13/2021 3:41 PM



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voting on, police budget didnt pass it gets added to the water bill, the next year administration of police got added to water bill

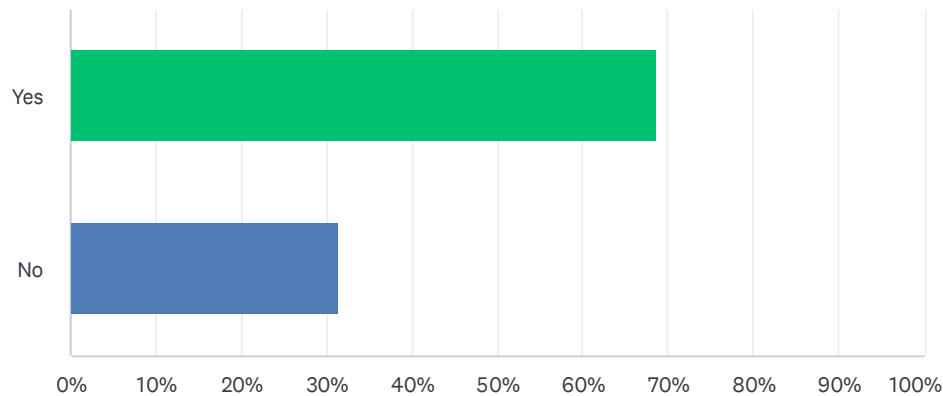
33	What value does it bring?	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
34	Again it would be yet another opportunity to incorporate racist marxist ideas because in 2021 no opportunity is wasted in ensuring people hate whites more while worshiping the faggot community	11/13/2021 1:58 PM
35	No opinion.	11/13/2021 12:57 PM
36	Clark County should have its own identity and brand.	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
37	Rights & Responsibilities might have helped previous councils' acrimony and costly errors.	11/13/2021 10:59 AM
38	Preamble gives stated purpose of the document, creating a stated intention or spirit of the law. This aids in the interpretation of the document	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
39	Might make their goals clearer.	11/13/2021 8:09 AM
40	Although most public policy is improved with a statement of purpose and intent, it requires careful crafting if county actions are expected to align with purpose and intent and not create conflicts within the overall policy structure and state statutes.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
41	Waste of time	11/13/2021 7:59 AM
42	A preamble is like a mission statement. It includes the goal of the organization, explains why that goal is important, list (broadly) how the organization will reach its goal and the values the organization uses in its operations	11/13/2021 7:52 AM
43	If it has been sufficient to not have a preamble, let's not spend taxpayers money to form a group to incorporate one. Just because other counties do it, does not mean we have to.	11/12/2021 10:33 PM
44	Please be careful to not be political or religious in such wording.	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
45	I think it would depend on what the preamble actually says.	11/12/2021 6:26 PM
46	Not needed. The benefits, rights, & responsibilities should be inherent within the document.	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
47	I'm ambivalent on this	11/12/2021 5:42 PM
48	Don't modify governing documents piecemeal. Adding a preamble that mentions benefits, rights, and responsibilities not mentioned in the original document just end runs the amendment process.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
49	Why not?	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
50	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
51	Seems like you are grasping at straws just to try to be meaningful.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
52	The more information, the better and it provides an opportunity to understand the purpose and intent which can assist with transparency.	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
53	.	11/12/2021 4:02 PM
54	It should also express core principles (serve the public interest, equity, fairness, inclusiveness, etc)	11/12/2021 3:18 PM
55	Yes. The Preamble can be a reminder of fundamental goals and values of the Charter.	11/12/2021 3:07 PM
56	I think the Charter Commission is getting carried away and moving away from their original mission. Get in, make the changes and go on. This is getting ridiculous. Where do you stop?	11/12/2021 2:54 PM
57	I see no need to further complicate matters and have factions at each others' throats.	11/12/2021 2:47 PM
58	Having a preamble sets out a basic set of principles to remind those in office what direction their office should grow and it also allows the people to see what is of value to them.	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
59	None	11/12/2021 2:17 PM
60	IT IS JUST WORDS IT REALLY DOES NOT MEAN ANYTHING	11/12/2021 2:02 PM

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61	Who o would give a rat's rear end? Adds nothing to what the council does or does not do.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
62	Unless the Preamble can lend to clarification regarding interpretation of unclear or nuanced points of the charter by illuminating concrete goals and values, it's not wildly important. Don't waste your time if it's going to be vague, you have plenty of other stuff to work on. However, it'd be very cool if there were a way to add guidance on discretionary shit that's gotten out of hand in the preamble, like zoning & farm sale restrictions (e.g. keeping rural & natural land intact /encouraging PNW character in building design so the subdivisions don't look shitty /honoring and enhancing the character of land in building/ encouraging biodiversity & the ability of locals to grow and eat food grown in Clark County)	11/12/2021 1:51 PM
63	Not sure if it is necessary, but it might need input from many professionals.	11/12/2021 1:32 PM
64	Hi	11/12/2021 1:21 PM
65	Brief, at best. If it isn't able to be easily determined in the Charter, there's a problem with the Charter in the first place.	11/12/2021 1:09 PM

## Q6 If a PREAMBLE is added, should it recognize and honor the area's indigenous people and rich history, and state our values for a vibrant, inclusive and diverse community?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.62%	164
No	31.38%	75
TOTAL		239

#	WHY/WHY NOT? WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	Can't you have a preamble that recognizes the contributions of everybody, without singling out one group?	11/28/2021 9:53 PM
2	IF we choose to have a preamble, it should honor the area's heritage AND set a positive tone for the future. That future should be vibrant, inclusive and diverse Clark County if we want to have a community where our our children will want to live.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
3	We already have an inclusive and diverse community without extreme overweight on conceptual and nonspecific wording.	11/28/2021 11:01 AM
4	This would put focus on specific interest groups and appear to prioritize them over other citizens. That isn't right.	11/24/2021 10:54 AM
5	The charter is a basic government document. I do not think it needs to reference the history of our community	11/23/2021 7:36 PM
6	Do not see the need for a preamble	11/23/2021 2:24 PM
7	Yes. Robust protections for minorities will be vital. Currently numerous white supremacist and white nationalist groups threaten our community. Robust, mandatory, enforceable protections are needed.	11/23/2021 12:45 PM
8	It's their land, we're just living on it	11/23/2021 12:40 PM
9	This is a good reason why we should NOT have a preamble. There is no need for any kind of eloquent puffery or waxing on about values or history. This has nothing to do with governing.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
10	including special preferences for "special" people only sets the stage for more "special" people to air their alleged "grievances" and rent seek money from property owners that have never	11/22/2021 8:42 PM

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had anything to do with the alleged grievances.....

11	Wow. I don't understand why we are still fighting the Indian's? Of course all people who are part of our history need to be recognized. Do we ask if the pre-Civil war black slaves or perhaps the Chinese who built the railroad should be included? Maybe, we ignored them too? That somehow would not surprise me.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
12	Because it is not appropriate to cover this subject in the preamble which should be addressing only the County Government charter subjects, not extraneous subjects.	11/22/2021 4:21 PM
13	U.S. Constitution and Washington State Constitution Preambles are one each one sentence. As a tax payer, I don't think creating a Clark County Charter preamble is a good use of tax payer money. If we must have one, keep the preamble short and pro-human. There are other ways to recognize and honor the area's indigenous people. It's a slippery slope. What other diverse cultures should we recognize and honor in the preamble?	11/22/2021 3:18 PM
14	Honoring the indigenous people whose land we're occupying is the bare minimum of what we should do.	11/21/2021 8:33 PM
15	If you're going to include our values for a vibrant, inclusive, and diverse community there had better be some work into making sure that those groups are included in the conversations. If you're adding that to the preamble just to gain brownie points for "being inclusive" that'd be pretty patronizing.	11/20/2021 7:46 PM
16	There's no honest way to deny that we live on stolen land and that our history is one of maltreating people of color. This is a small way to acknowledge that these people are seen.	11/20/2021 6:33 AM
17	And sustainable community	11/19/2021 10:38 PM
18	We should take every opportunity we get to acknowledge our native brothers and sisters who were here long before us, and we should always embrace the strength of diversity. Let's add these things to a preamble. But we should be careful not to turn a preamble into a book.	11/19/2021 11:40 AM
19	Of course it should! It's important to remember that our indigenous neighbors were here long before we invaded their lands.	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
20	Let's not add one and we won't have to worry what the racist among us is worried about. As one who looks at behavior and judges accordingly, the unbalanced racist should have zero quarter granted, which is what this might be interpreted as, race privilege, which is race ism.	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
21	Does the preamble to the constitution recognize the rich heritage we received from the British crown when we stole the American colonies from the King?	11/16/2021 10:53 AM
22	Stop working on worthless projects. No preamble.	11/16/2021 10:23 AM
23	A values statement should be inclusive.	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
24	Stop dividing us by race and ethnicity! We are all Americans, residing here in SW Washington. We all have rich histories as Americans.	11/16/2021 9:02 AM
25	US CITIZENS are Americans First and divisive political gas lit groupings need to be replaced by 'we the American People'	11/16/2021 6:20 AM
26	They seem to be doing fine.	11/15/2021 8:59 PM
27	Do you want to give the land back to the indigenous people?	11/15/2021 7:56 PM
28	The preamble should enable inclusive public participation that recognizes each community's contribution as well as serving to guarantee respect for the environment as well as a sustainable local economy accountable to all.	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
29	See statement immediately above (in respondent's text box).	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
30	ALWAYS. This is not a question this is a must. None of this community would exist without the colonization and genocide of my people. We cannot hide from our factual history - Native peoples stories should be told and their continued visibility and dignity should be honored in as many spaces as possible.	11/15/2021 11:02 AM
31	It should address and recognize ALL. Citizens, without singling out any individual groups.	11/15/2021 7:31 AM
32	It is disingenuous to recognize the supposed area's indigenous people because Europeans	11/14/2021 8:58 PM

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	took their land and there are no intentions of giving it back. Platitudes are meaningless.	
33	We should always recognize Indigenous people on whose land we reside, and a Preamble is offers a good place to do this.	11/14/2021 7:56 PM
34	And also references the settlement history stories of colonization pertinent to all our BIPOC citizens...the historically marginalized and under-served.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
35	Absolutely!	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
36	I guess I'm abstaining on this one. There is much about our past that we should not advertise being proud of and much about our future that we should be careful about what we proclaim and promise.	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
37	It is good to know where we have been and where we are going. The rights and responsibilities of each person as a citizen of the county are individual as is the make up and background of each individual. Each of us bring something different to the mix.	11/14/2021 5:07 AM
38	Just don't be so woke that our own community is lost in impressing some politically correct ether. Acknowledge our history and look forward to a future of opportunity and comfort for all residents.	11/14/2021 4:32 AM
39	They don't need it.	11/14/2021 2:25 AM
40	The idea of addressing any "specific sector of society" is a violation of state law.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
41	I don't care either way . You should have a neutral selection. I only said no so I could say what I said.	11/13/2021 5:46 PM
42	Very political	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
43	I was unable to add a comment for question 5, when I clicked on the comment box it changed my selection. I believe adding a preamble also can inform residents on their responsibilities and roles to be an active participant in the county governance. In addition, by including a message that all residents are encouraged to participate in county government, and identify clearly that diversity, equity and inclusion are vital, it will inform all elected officials of this intent from the charter review commission.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM
44	It's for all the people , no reference should be made otherwise, no one is more special than anyone else	11/13/2021 3:41 PM
45	Yes but only if it is not lip service	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
46	See comment above, more racial division is not what a preamble is about you fucking Marxist.	11/13/2021 1:58 PM
47	Sure, but if Clark County isn't electing people who believe it, then it doesn't mean much.	11/13/2021 1:53 PM
48	There are many people of many ethnicities who have made great contributions to our county. This preamble idea feels more like pious genuflecting intended to make white people feel good. Inclusion and equal opportunity are only achieved by our everyday actions in our community, good governance, and democratic participation.	11/13/2021 12:57 PM
49	Diversity is anti white racism. It promotes white genocide.	11/13/2021 12:29 PM
50	Definitely recognize the indigenous as we took so much from them. Honor history AND the changing demographics of Clark Co.	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
51	This is just another justification for a further power grab	11/13/2021 11:21 AM
52	This is a functional governing document, not a history lesson or an aspirational essay.	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
53	The structure and motivation of government is for the people. When the members of government are motivated by reparations they, in turn, must wield new and extraordinary authority. For the people to be free our government must remain as small as possible	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
54	Unnecessary and improper role of government	11/13/2021 10:15 AM
55	Honoring one group over others I'd just a long way of saying you disfavor the other group. That's not how a cohesive group of people operate.	11/13/2021 10:12 AM
56	Diversity is strength. Honoring everyone is strength too.	11/13/2021 8:09 AM

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57	Such treatment is better placed in a values statement and not stray from the governmental purpose it explains.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
58	I think it is very important to recognize the ways we have disseminated the indigenous people and continue to discriminate against them. Any way we can begin to reverse this horrible history is welcome.	11/13/2021 7:03 AM
59	Absolutely. This does not make up for all the marginalization our indigenous communities have faced over decades and decades, but it helps send a strong message of inclusion.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
60	Sounds like you have already made up your minds to include a preamble.	11/12/2021 10:33 PM
61	It's always jarring not to know about reservations, and to find out when driving through. I'd rather be educated. I grew up in Vancouver for 20 years, and did not know about any local tribes. I'm 54, and sitting here trying to imagine which indigenous people you might mean. All I can think of is the Cowlitz Tribe.	11/12/2021 10:26 PM
62	The motto of the USA is "from the many, one". The most inclusive organizations focus on that which we have in common, in this case residents of Clark County, rather than individual differences or origins.	11/12/2021 9:50 PM
63	Isn't that a given?	11/12/2021 8:04 PM
64	No politics or religion.	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
65	We have to recognize that we are living in stolen lands.	11/12/2021 7:01 PM
66	And this is why a preamble can be tricky....lots of flowery words that have no meat/meaning to them and will ultimately be exclusive of someone.	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
67	See above comment about end runs. If you want it in the Charter, put it in the body and follow the amendment process.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
68	Absolutely. This land was inhabited long before it was colonized by white/euro folks	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
69	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
70	Yes, but don't just add it to mark a box or check it off a list for DEI. Add something about how the charter and those who uphold it intend to put the recognition into action.	11/12/2021 4:42 PM
71	I don't support a pre-amble so this question is irrelevant.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
72	Anytime we recognize the true and accurate history of a place we are on; the more we are accountable to ensuring equity. The only critique I have is that if a land acknowledgement is introduced that it not be performative. There needs to be a sense of action behind it which includes being inclusive and ensuring tribes and tribal communities are engaged in government-to- government relations and agreements.	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
73	Yes and No... Segregation seems to be the norm now WHY is now accepted? This only pushes the current narrative	11/12/2021 4:02 PM
74	.	11/12/2021 4:02 PM
75	I think it should honor the area's indigenous people and rich history, but we already have an inclusive and diverse community. It seems to me that the continued pointing out of diversity just continues to add to discrimination and adversity. Our values should rise above race and sexual orientation and be values that are based on humanity in general for all.	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
76	The Charter should have no opinion stated or otherwise about the indigenous, inclusive, diverse community or the Charter values.	11/12/2021 2:09 PM
77	NO, ARE WE NOT SUPPOSE TO BE ALL AMERICANS NOW, IF YOU CONTINUE TO POINT TO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE OUT YOU JUST CONTINUE TO KEEP THE DIFFERENCES IN THE FOREFRONT. INSTEAD OF EVERYONE JUST BEING HUMAN.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
78	Look we took, stole, usurped the entire country from Native Americans. No need to put this in an unnecessary county preamble that would have zero legal impact on anything the council does or does not do.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
79	This county has a million fucking stories to tell for every group and that history didn't just start	11/12/2021 1:51 PM

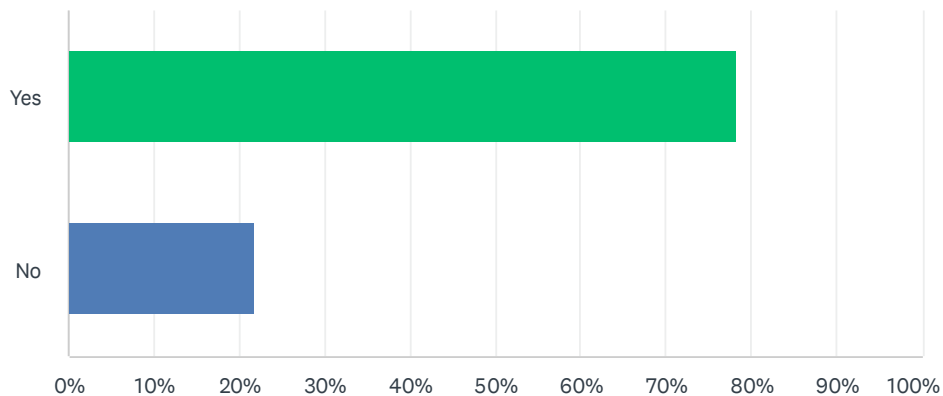
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with Fort Vancouver.

80	Why would they be specifically excluded?	11/12/2021 1:09 PM
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**Q7 ELECTED EXECUTIVE POSITION VACANCIES** The County's Home Rule Charter does not include language as to how vacancies are to be filled in county executive elected positions, and defaults to the statutory process regarding partisan elected positions. Should an amendment be added to our Charter to provide for a smooth leadership transition?(The executive elected officials are: Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer.)

Answered: 248 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.23%	194
No	21.77%	54
TOTAL		248

#	WHY/WHY NOT? WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	Has this been an issue in the past? If one makes it harder to do something, when an easier way is better, why are we trying to change it?	11/28/2021 9:53 PM
2	We just voted to have the elected positions be nonpartisan. It makes no sense to have partisan politics involved in filling nonpartisan positions. Clark County voters have made clear that they are tired of partisanship when it comes to running County government. Fix the roads, run an efficient operation and skip the partisan political posturing.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
3	Is the existing statutory process somehow inadequate?	11/24/2021 9:50 AM
4	A non political transition is preferred	11/23/2021 7:36 PM
5	Existing process no longer valid	11/23/2021 2:24 PM
6	Elections are sufficient. If an office is vacated, another election should be held. Let the voters elect; not the politicians select for such offices.	11/23/2021 12:45 PM
7	If we've learned anything in the last 6 years it's that we can no longer rely on gentleman's agreements. Put EVERYTHING in writing	11/23/2021 12:40 PM
8	Maybe you should have thought about this earlier before changing these positions to "non-	11/23/2021 11:56 AM



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	partisan". If a position becomes vacant, we can wait until the next election to fill the vacancy.	
9	the current process is working. if you want that to change, submit it to the voters in open debate and let the cards fall as they may after the voters vote.	11/22/2021 8:42 PM
10	What is the definition of "Smooth?" These positions need to be non-partisan. Let the people do the job of the people, not of the party.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
11	This could be argued either way....? Leaning to yes... but? Drivel is in the details	11/19/2021 10:38 PM
12	These offices are no longer partisan.	11/19/2021 1:37 PM
13	Position should be filled by a member of previous members party.	11/17/2021 6:31 PM
14	It appears that the Charter is incomplete and should be corrected.	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
15	It should be voted on by the people, too.	11/17/2021 11:36 AM
16	Let those that pay the bills vote. Consolidation of powers never leads to healthy governance.	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
17	Since the offices are no longer partisan, new language is needed.	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
18	A voted in succession plan has merit and needs to be in place	11/16/2021 6:20 AM
19	You're trying to micromanage everything.	11/15/2021 7:56 PM
20	The choice of candidates to fill county executive positions should occur using nonpartisan balloting. Political parties are irrelevant to providing services. Cooperation between executive elected officials belonging to different parties is more likely if balloting is non-partisan.	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
21	Again, this is too obvious to debate, unless the above worded is somehow "loaded". ("provide for a smooth leadership transition"). Who can be against a smooth leadership transition? As worded, the question doesn't make sense as a serious point of debate.	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
22	Brings greater consistency to the governance structures.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
23	Hmm? What do you mean by smooth transition? The question is unclear. "Partisan Elections are bad??	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
24	There definitely should be a provision dealing with that. Generally I favor letting the outgoing official appoint a replacement, mainly from within (the department), but perhaps from the outside. I'm nervous about letting the council make the selection. Wrote that without seeing question 8!	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
25	I do not believe either party should be choosing these positions. There is generally on party or the other that has a majority at any given time. The foundation all of these positions have is the need for non partisan level headed leadership. That is not something partisan politics provides us with these days.	11/14/2021 5:07 AM
26	It is a good improvement to make these positions non partisan and their replacements mid year decided by the current county council.	11/14/2021 4:32 AM
27	It's been working like this for a long time. Why fix it if it isn't broken?	11/14/2021 2:25 AM
28	This is covered in state law and thus has no need to be redone by you.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
29	As long as it preserves the partisan character.	11/13/2021 8:36 PM
30	Offices should provide for an orderly succession, and designate a "next in line" to fill a vacancy.	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
31	Voters just approved amendments for all elected officials to be elected in a non-partisan process. Updating language in the charter is important to effectively provide for smooth leadership transitions. Otherwise, I fear the current county council will determine their own process.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM
32	I would want to see evidence that it needed to be changed away from the current statutory rules.	11/13/2021 5:28 PM
33	Again it doesn't . matter it's words that won't be followed anyway	11/13/2021 3:41 PM
34	Keep partisan politics out of it and focus on what is best for the people they serve	11/13/2021 2:46 PM

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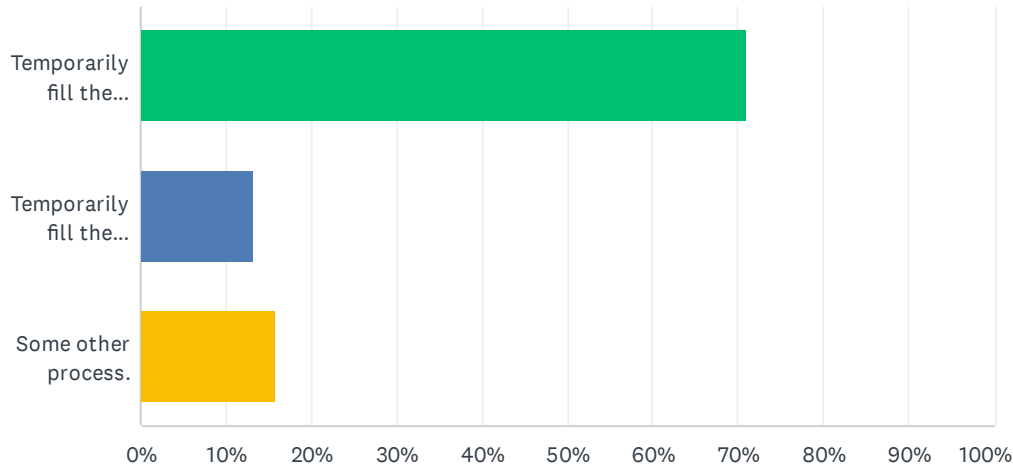
35	As the noted elective positions are non partisan so should the elective process be.	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
36	Since these offices are now non partisan, the replacement process should not be partisan.	11/13/2021 11:26 AM
37	Transfers of power should be as difficult as possible for people at the head of a monopoly on violence. With as little recourse and executable will as possible	11/13/2021 11:21 AM
38	I would need to understand more about the statutory process before I could say yes. What's the problem with the current process? How would you improve it?	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
39	The County's Home Rule Charter needs to go away.	11/13/2021 10:55 AM
40	Vacancies should remain unfilled and await selection at the next election	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
41	No opinion	11/13/2021 10:15 AM
42	Maybe. It depends how functionalities to rely on statute. If that reliance creates large gaps in time before successors assume office and having local provisions would expedite the filling of vacancies then that favors a charter provision. The devil is in the details.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
43	The chief deputy position in each office should be the default interim until the next election.	11/13/2021 7:24 AM
44	Seems that an interim position would be appropriate until the next election	11/12/2021 10:33 PM
45	Stay with existing statutes.	11/12/2021 9:50 PM
46	Other than Prosecuting Attorney, I think the other positions should be appointed (by the Manager) & not elected.	11/12/2021 8:27 PM
47	Someone said the elected official could appoint a chief from within their office that could be automatically be placed as interim. That interim term would only be to the very next filing period/special election, and then they would run again during general election for county offices.	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
48	I'm voting no because this question is framed in a non-neutral manner. (Who doesn't want smooth transitions?) Be careful--the credibility you have built can erode in a moment.	11/12/2021 6:50 PM
49	I do not believe I have enough information to weigh in on this question.	11/12/2021 6:26 PM
50	What is the default process now? That's important to know before I can give a 'yay' or 'nay'. By default, I vote no. Overall, this is a poorly written/thought-out survey.	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
51	We MUST have guidance in the event of a vacancy!	11/12/2021 5:42 PM
52	There should be a clear process for transitions in the charter. In what way is the statutory process a barrier to a smooth transition? Is the purpose of this question asking approval to change from the statutory partisan process, or simply codify it in the Charter? The question is too unclear to merit a yes response.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
53	Makes sense	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
54	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
55	Processes in current law are fine. No need to keep meddling.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
56	It would lesson the imbalance of a partisan filled board. That creates poor outcomes for a balance in our community	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
57	We would need something even if the offices were to remain partisan, since it's possible with current rules for a "partisan" office to be filled with an incumbent not belonging to one of the organized political parties.	11/12/2021 3:07 PM
58	It would probably be best for a smooth transition. Not enough information to make an informed opinion.	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
59	I'd first like to understand what the 'default' process is, and what the improvement is.	11/12/2021 2:24 PM
60	They already have smooth leadership transition	11/12/2021 2:09 PM
61	JUST APPOINT A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION. LET THE VOTERS DECIDE OF COURSE WE HAVE SUCH A LOW TURN OUT OF VOTERS, SO WHO	11/12/2021 2:02 PM

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	REALLY CARES.	
62	Seems reasonable. Why not?	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
63	default to the statutory process is fine	11/12/2021 1:57 PM
64	Yes to smooth, but what does that mean? Why would it need to be different than the default? I'd just open it like a regular job- assemble a panel of professionals from the office in question, request applications from the public, find person to cover until the next election.	11/12/2021 1:51 PM

## Q8 How should the VACANT EXECUTIVE ELECTED OFFICIAL positions be filled?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Temporarily fill the position with a pre-designated professional manager from the office until the next general election (18 months or less).	70.94%	166
Temporarily fill the position with someone outside of the office until the next general election (18 months or less).	13.25%	31
Some other process.	15.81%	37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>234</b>

#	WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	maybe have a special election for that position, and maybe throw in some other things that would go on the ballot, like the Charter Commission amendments, all those little tax add-ons for the schools, fire districts, and cameras for deputies, by actually stating that it's money to pay for cameras for deputies instead of hiding in the juvenile building budget.	11/28/2021 9:53 PM
2	One of the main goals of the original Charter was have a more professional management of county operations instead of having county operations turned upside down by political wrangling. Having professionals who are familiar with county operations continue management until a new nonpartisan, elected official can be chosen by the voters is in keeping with the voters' desire for a smoothly running county government. Filling the position from outside with a professional should be a back up option in case there is some reason the pre-designated professional is not available or is disqualified.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
3	Special election within 6 months. Professional manager until then.	11/23/2021 12:45 PM
4	Given the situation, the charter changes created, the most efficient and effective process would be to have someone pre-designated from within the office, such as an assistant prosecutor, be ready and able to step into the vacancy and keep things running until the next election.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
5	use common sense, logic, reason, and math.	11/22/2021 8:42 PM
6	It is important to have someone who knows what they are doing.	11/22/2021 8:35 PM
7	If the insider has the knowledge and ability to do the job, hire the insider. At least they are	11/22/2021 4:50 PM

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shown appreciation and can build their resume.

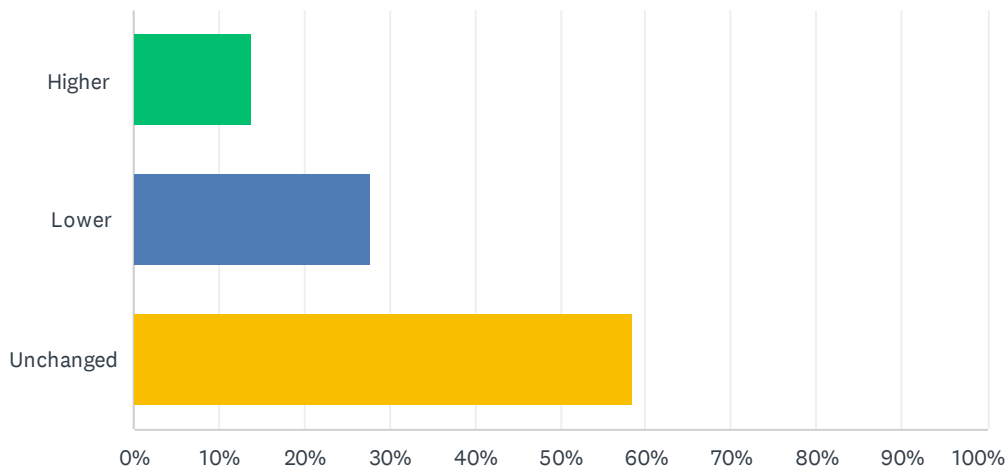
8	Folks submit applications and the council chooses someone to fill the position.	11/22/2021 3:18 PM
9	Other elected executives select replacement until next election.	11/21/2021 2:41 PM
10	Fill the position with the best qualified candidate whether the person is with the county or outside.	11/19/2021 9:19 PM
11	Temporarily fill position, but not allow that person to run in the next election...No incumbency bias.	11/19/2021 8:36 PM
12	I look forward to hearing options for other processes. Is there a reason a special election cannot be held within 12 months rather than waiting up to 18 months?	11/19/2021 11:40 AM
13	For continuity of operations.	11/17/2021 6:31 PM
14	It should be unanimous by the members of the board. That way replacements wouldn't be argued for or against as political.	11/17/2021 11:36 AM
15	Let the people choose .. Special election. It's done all the time.	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
16	None.	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
17	Public, voted, succession planning is appropriate	11/16/2021 6:20 AM
18	The offices of county assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer should be encouraged to mentor a deputy to capably serve in that capacity in case of illness or death.	11/15/2021 2:52 PM
19	A temporary appointment from within the existing administrative structure makes more sense, for the sake of continuity, than bringing in an outsider unfamiliar with issues and points of view within the County.	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
20	The process should prioritize smooth efficient running of the office rather than political party	11/15/2021 1:12 PM
21	The best person whether from inside and outside the office should be selected until the next election	11/14/2021 8:58 PM
22	Not sure on this one but selected the first option - open to whatever the charter review commission recommends	11/14/2021 7:56 PM
23	Does pre-designated refer to a managerial position and not a particular person?	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
24	I would opt for the first choice under normal circumstances, however if the executive leaves due to corruption, or investigation of the office department is taking place, then an outside executive would be more appropriate.	11/14/2021 11:42 AM
25	I would make the election of a new Official as soon as possible. Elections should be open for anyone with the desire to run and should be partially funded by the county itself.	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
26	as above	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
27	It is going to depend on why the person leaves before the end of their term. If they are leaving because there is some reason they are about to be investigated and fired then we need an outside person. If their department is running well and they are leaving for personal reasons then it would be a better choice to fill the job from the inside and keep things running well.	11/14/2021 5:07 AM
28	Our current process is to have our county council appoint a temporary staffer to the role. Leave it alone.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
29	Have a designated second in command.	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
30	I will need to research this more before I can answer this question. Does the Charter Review Commission have any information on how this process is handled in other WA counties who have their own Home Rule Charter? That would be helpful to know.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM
31	If the bench is so weak that a current manager is not capable, then the County has big problems. Will also keep politics out of it.	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
32	The council should appoint the temp by vote until there is an election	11/13/2021 1:58 PM

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33	Name Assistant as interim. Hold election as soon as possible and concurrent to another county wide election.	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
34	Randomly select someone on unemployment to fill the position.	11/13/2021 11:21 AM
35	You need someone who knows how the department functions and who is familiar with employees. Losing the elected official, for any reason, is disruptive enough; bringing in someone who hasn't been a part of the organization adds more disruption.	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
36	The vacancies should not be filled without public appointments in an election	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
37	One size does not fit all situations. The county council should have more than one option to exercise depending upon the situation and skill set of the professional managers.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
38	It's important to have a "place holder" until the next election, someone who agrees they won't be running for the position because incumbents have an advantage. Someone appointed would not have been selected by the voters.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
39	I don't know.	11/12/2021 10:26 PM
40	Fill with a special election at the earliest opportunity.	11/12/2021 9:50 PM
41	I like this idea.	11/12/2021 7:13 PM
42	I don't know	11/12/2021 5:55 PM
43	I might vote for the first option, but what is a 'pre-designated' prof. manager? Who pre-designates that person? Need more information to fill this out well.	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
44	This again implies there is a problem with the current statutory practice. Tell me what that problem is before you ask to change. This also feels like a political end run.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
45	A full-on hiring process seems short lived and wasteful. That said, if it's being dumped on a current staff person's plate, they should be compensated appropriately	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
46	Follow state law.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
47	Maybe the charter review board determine the positions until elections.	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
48	It would be a good idea to have someone there who knows how things are run and who knows the direction that they were going.	11/12/2021 2:40 PM
49	This is a tough one. we want someone who is qualified but who decides?	11/12/2021 2:24 PM
50	NEW BLOOD	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
51	I do not have a clue what would be best.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
52	This depends on why there is a vacancy. If there is possible issues with an elected official and they are asked to step down (or strongly urged to do so) then I would not be willing to trust at least the upper management of that department, either. On the other hand, if the position is vacated due to change in job, retirement, or health reasons, I see no concern about it being someone from within the department -- as long as the public is also allowed to comment and their communications be heavily weighted in the decision factor for replacement.	11/12/2021 1:09 PM

**Q9 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIATIVE PROCESSThe**  
 Charter Review Commission is considering an amendment to reduce the signature requirement from 10% to 8% for petitions to include initiatives and referenda to be placed on the general election ballot. Should the signature requirement be higher, lower, or left at the current 10% requirement?(Currently that requires at least 27,189 valid signatures to be gathered over 120 days, or 226 signatures per day.)

Answered: 252 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Higher	13.89% 35
Lower	27.78% 70
Unchanged	58.33% 147
TOTAL	252

#	WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	Initiatives and referenda are an important local option and were one reason voters approved the original Charter. Until we have more experience with the processes, however, the signature threshold should remain the same. If we have some petitions that fail because they lack a few signatures, we can revisit the issue.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
2	Initiative process needs to be reviewed in light of previous misuse by individuals such as Tim Eyman.	11/27/2021 9:01 AM
3	If people are motivated enough to make changes, then they'll get the 10%. If they're not motivated enough to make a change, then they'll fail. Each and every change that someone wants to make isn't worthy of going on the ballot. We have ~ 30% crackpots in America and certainly in this county. I've got no interest in making it easier for crackpots to change things.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
4	with all of the light thrown on ballot harvesting, and other shady operations performed by "activist" groups of a particular political persuasion, the percentage should be higher, say 20 to 25%. That way, it will show that the proposed initiative isn't some "flash in the pan" or political	11/22/2021 8:42 PM

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shenanigans by some shady political activist group, but a sincere effort by legal citizen voters.

5	As you know the vast majority of citizens pay little to no attention to local and state politics. They watch the major news stations if they aren't dead tired from working and raising kids. Getting things on the ballot at least give the people a shot at knowing those issues exist.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
6	There should be as few barriers as possible in bringing a new idea to vote.	11/21/2021 8:33 PM
7	If an initiative is important the signatures will be obtained. Lowering the 10% requirement could increase the number of frivolous initiatives.	11/17/2021 2:40 PM
8	If it ain't broken...	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
9	The current system seems to be working, why change it?	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
10	Like voting, people should provide some form of identification. Signature requirement is one way to do that.	11/16/2021 9:02 AM
11	This question presumes some degree of knowledge about the signature requirement. For example, if the percent required is too high, the signature count will never be reached. But if the percent required is too low, the result won't reflect a sufficient number of residents to warrant inclusion of initiatives and referenda on the ballot. You should provide more background on the pros/cons of higher or lower percentages if you want respondents to answer this question meaningfully!	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
12	Should match the state percentage requirement	11/14/2021 8:58 PM
13	We have to be aware of the fringe elements out in the county who are anxiously awaiting the fall of our democracy. 10% is already low enough and provides appropriate access to the ballot.	11/14/2021 10:21 AM
14	not a big fan of direct democracy	11/14/2021 9:20 AM
15	Don't govern by initiative or referendum..... poor government. Make the petitions fair but a high bar for rare instances	11/14/2021 4:32 AM
16	State law requires 8%. State law also allows for signatures to be gathered from January 2nd until July 3rd. Those dates being approximate based on holidays and weekends. I do NOT understand this shorter term. There is no reason why the length of the signature gathering could not be stretched to accommodate the people's rights of petitions for initiatives especially in light of the FACT that your group proved that you could submit documents for the ballot in November as late as the end of July and it didn't present an issue to get printed.	11/13/2021 9:53 PM
17	Need more information to be able to comment on this.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM
18	Lowering it would just embolden more Tim Eymans and you know how well all that has turned out	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
19	I'd be hesitant to reduce the required percentage because I can see how it would make it easier for a bad faith initiative campaign to gain traction, but I think extending the length of time for gathering signatures is worth considering. A longer collection period would allow time for opponents to expose false claims or deceptions of a bad faith initiative campaign. Tim Eymann and the Brexit campaign are cautionary examples worth dissecting when considering this issue.	11/13/2021 12:57 PM
20	What is best practice in state, nationally? What would eliminate manipulation of money (dark)? Don't want to see government (budget) dominated by special interests initiatives referenda .	11/13/2021 12:25 PM
21	When the petition advocates for removing the rights of other citizens the threshold should be placed higher. But if it's a polishing a government agency the petition threshold should be cut in half.	11/13/2021 11:21 AM
22	I would like to see a higher level of support (or to find more gullible voters) before incurring election expenses. I'd support 20%.	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
23	Don't they have something real to attend to?	11/13/2021 10:55 AM
24	The 120 day restriction is unnecessary, this should be expanded.	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
25	It should be difficult for small groups with a narrow focus to initiate the initiative process which	11/13/2021 9:08 AM

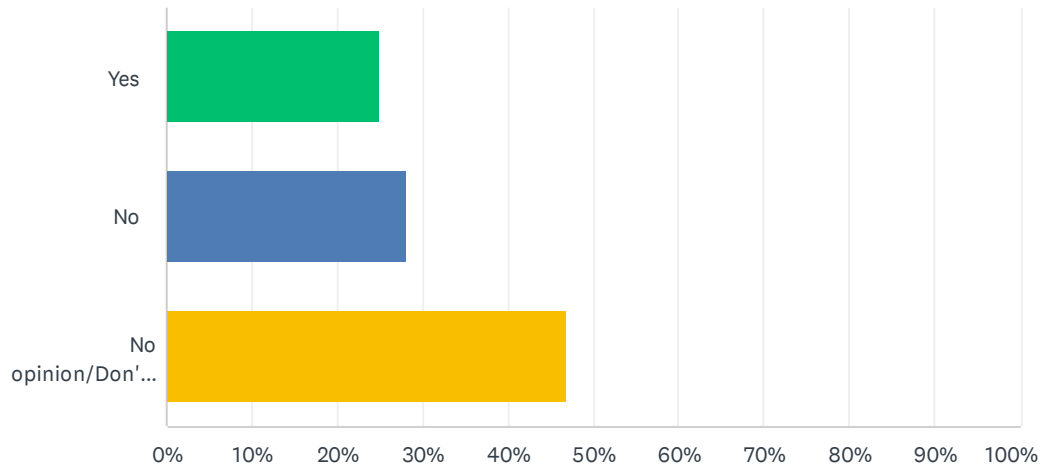


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	requires the use of county resources to process an initiative	
26	This is such a rare used item, please spend less time on it.	11/13/2021 7:24 AM
27	Generally government by initiative doesn't work so well.	11/13/2021 7:03 AM
28	I suppose it's always a good thing to make initiatives and referenda easier to be placed on the ballot for the voters to choose.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
29	Lower would enable more citizens to participate.	11/12/2021 10:26 PM
30	I was the first person to propose this exact requirement back when the race first started so of course I'll support	11/12/2021 8:27 PM
31	I would need to hear arguments for and against to weigh in on any change	11/12/2021 6:26 PM
32	I have seen how California has suffered with their initiative process. Prop 187 for example.	11/12/2021 5:55 PM
33	Thank you for including what the current requirement is...very helpful!	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
34	10% seems reasonable to avoid frivolous petitions and bloated ballots. Don't fatigue the voters.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
35	Lower than 10%	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
36	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
37	Again - it seems like you're just looking for something to do.	11/12/2021 4:21 PM
38	My only concern would be an inflated number of people would push for political agendas that would be a waste of time and create overwhelm. I would not want to see multiple referendums and initiatives on a ballot at every election. It shouldn't be something that causes more signs on street corners, more money spent on campaigning, etc.	11/12/2021 4:17 PM
39	Have any initiatives been tried in Clark County since inception of the Charter? Did they fail to solicit the necessary signatures? I'd like to see empirical data to explain why we should change the 10% requirement.	11/12/2021 3:07 PM
40	I think initiative processes get abused.	11/12/2021 2:59 PM
41	Quit trying to solve the world's problems. You are straying too far from the original mission.	11/12/2021 2:54 PM
42	Need to be at least 20% to avoid frivolous waste of county/state resources.	11/12/2021 2:47 PM
43	Too easy for a radial few, left or right, to abuse this process now. Make it harder NOT easier.	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
44	I'd say lower, but who offers initiatives at this point? If it's just going to keep being rich people/businesses, make them spend more time and money building consensus. If it's meant to be citizens open up the timeline and/or look into adding public funding like Seattle's liberty vouchers, but for issues.	11/12/2021 1:51 PM

## Q10 SHOULD THE PETITIONERS BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE AN INITIATIVE PROPOSAL TO THE MINI-INITIATIVE PROCESS, which provides for ordinances or amendments to an existing ordinance to be proposed to the county council?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	63
No	28.17%	71
No opinion/Don't have enough information	46.83%	118
TOTAL		252

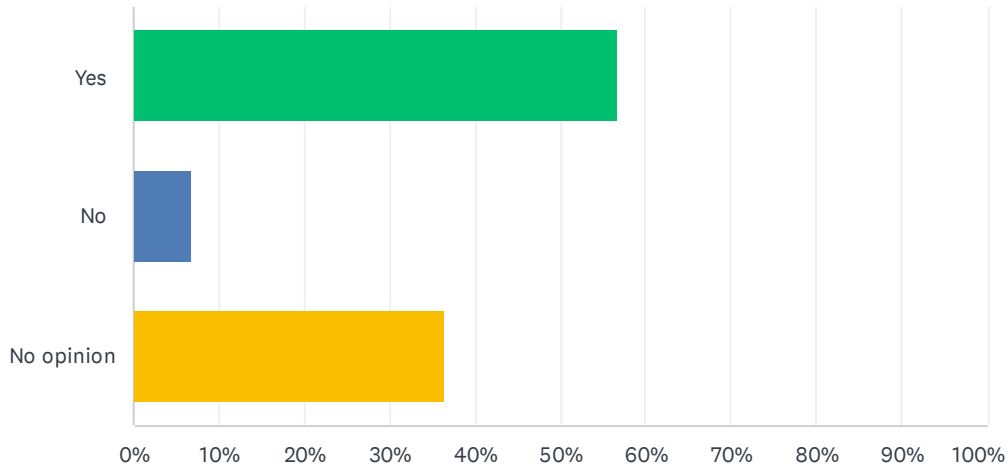
#	WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	In general, I'd like to see us have more experience with county initiatives before amending the Charter. If petitioners come back with a mini-initiative process later now, I'd rather they do that than switch to a mini-initiative mid-stream. Initiatives need to be well-thought out in advance, just like any other ordinance. One problem with initiatives currently is that they do not go through a process of public comment and public hearings, so don't have a chance to be fine-tuned before going to the voters. That's how we've ended up with voters passing state initiatives, but then seeing them thrown out by the courts because the initiatives weren't written correctly or were unconstitutional in the first place. Or voters approve an initiative that does pass legal muster, but doesn't do what voters thought it would. One antidote to this is an independent citizen review board for initiatives. The board would study the pros and cons, take public testimony and then write a report for the voters' pamphlet for the general election. Oregon has this process for its state initiatives.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
2	The petitioners should decide what they want in the first instance. If the mini-initiative process works for their needs, then they should choose that. If they find that the initiative process is too hard for them after they've embarked on it, that's tough. In that case they should consider starting over and using the mini-initiative process for an ordinance change. The person who signed under one supposition (an initiative to go on the ballot) should not have his/her signature co-opted and used for another process (mini-initiative to go to Council). I would personally object to having my signature used in this way, indicating I'd approved of an approach I had not agreed to.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM

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3	same as #9 above.	11/22/2021 8:42 PM
4	This sounds ripe for small groups with an agenda to change things which are good for them, but not for the good of the people.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
5	Sometimes a weakness from original intent can be corrected with small tweaks instead of full blown initiative. Should follow same process though.	11/17/2021 6:31 PM
6	Start over. Initiative processes should be held to a high standard. If you make a mistake, that is not the voter's fault.	11/16/2021 4:17 PM
7	None	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
8	Don't have enough information (therefore, my answer leans to "no"). Some one needs to make the argument for change on this point before the uninformed vote it up or down.	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
9	Will appreciate knowing more about this	11/14/2021 7:56 PM
10	More pros and cons would be helpful in making a recommendation.	11/13/2021 5:35 PM
11	I need more information on mini-initiatives	11/13/2021 5:28 PM
12	You don't change horses in the middle of a river	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
13	The county council has demonstrated that they do not have the same interests as the voters overall.	11/13/2021 10:56 AM
14	What is the council required to do with a mini initiative? Timeline? Number of signatures required, etc	11/13/2021 9:08 AM
15	An explanation of the differences would be helpful.	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
16	This is such a rare used item, please spend less time on it.	11/13/2021 7:24 AM
17	I need to study the pros and cons of this.	11/13/2021 6:59 AM
18	What is the difference between an initiative & a min-initiative???	11/12/2021 8:04 PM
19	Again, not a clearly-worded question nor sufficient definitions or explanations to respond well.. What is a mini-initiative process vs an initiative process?	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
20	Quit cluttering up the initiative process.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
21	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
22	The legislative process can address alternations. No need for more amendments for public referenda.	11/12/2021 2:47 PM
23	I would need additional information regarding whether or not this is something as simple as changing a typographical error or as serious as even changing a dollar value. I am also not certain what a mini-initiative would be.	11/12/2021 1:09 PM

## Q11 SHOULD MINI-INITIATIVES HAVE THE SAME 120-DAY SIGNATURE GATHERING LIMIT as initiatives and referenda?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.80%	142
No	6.80%	17
No opinion	36.40%	91
TOTAL		250

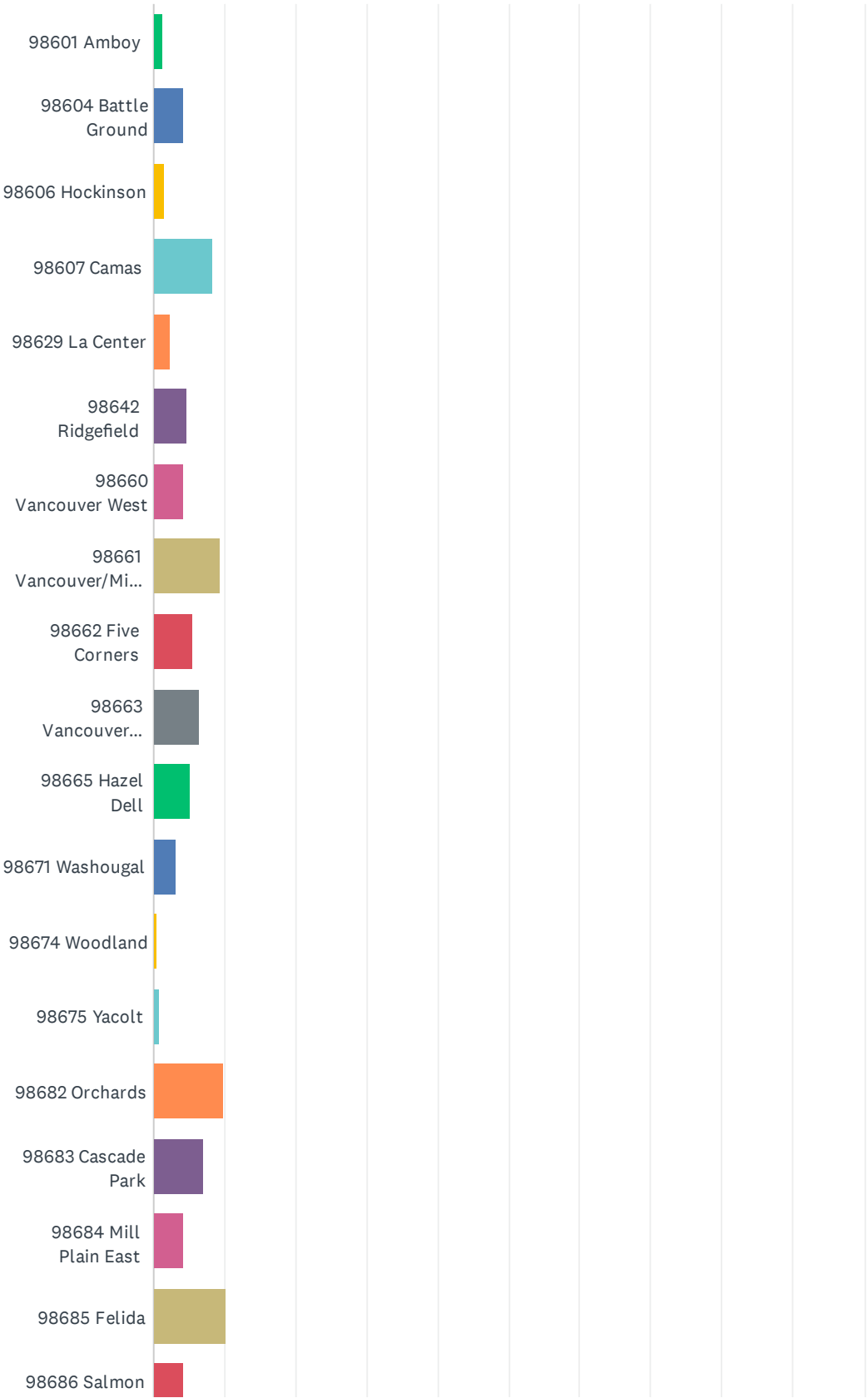
#	WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DATE
1	Have we had any mini-initiatives? And how difficult was it to gather signatures? I don't have enough background information to say "yes" or "no" to this proposal.	11/28/2021 1:29 PM
2	Using the same criteria makes it easier to follow the correct procedures for all initiatives	11/23/2021 7:36 PM
3	Should be less	11/23/2021 5:34 PM
4	Sorry. What is the time limit now? You should have specified in this questionnaire. I seem to recall 90 days. If that's the case, then I'm good with that.	11/23/2021 11:56 AM
5	it should be shorter.	11/22/2021 8:35 PM
6	I think I read they only need 100 signatures. If you can't get those in 30 days, you don't have an issue anybody cares about.	11/22/2021 4:50 PM
7	Longer would be good	11/19/2021 12:29 PM
8	None	11/16/2021 9:29 AM
9	Very important	11/15/2021 3:23 PM
10	See above text box.	11/15/2021 1:15 PM
11	All should be 120-day limits.	11/15/2021 9:27 AM
12	Don't know and can't imagine pros and cons to deliberate about this.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
13	More background information needed to be able to comment.	11/13/2021 5:31 PM

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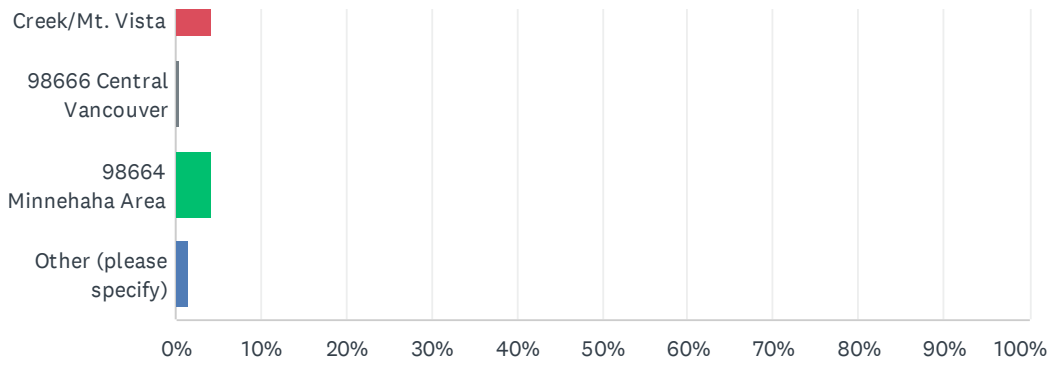
14	WHY?	11/13/2021 2:46 PM
15	Should not be mini petitions , will just serve the woke communist who are trying to change every faucet of American life	11/13/2021 1:58 PM
16	Or less, since they require fewer. I don't know what the current time limit is. Is it already less? If so, then leave it.	11/13/2021 1:53 PM
17	There shouldn't be any difference in initiative processes	11/13/2021 10:41 AM
18	What are the pros and cons?	11/13/2021 8:08 AM
19	This is such a rare used item, please spend less time on it.	11/13/2021 7:24 AM
20	What is a 'mini-initiative' vs initiative?	11/12/2021 5:50 PM
21	They certainly should not have longer than the initiative process.	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
22	As opposed to...?	11/12/2021 5:25 PM
23	These proposed amendments are being rushed without enough time for public comment and discussion by the Commission.	11/12/2021 5:01 PM
24	I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE MINI-INITIATIVES, TO MUCH CHANCE FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS TO PUSH AGENDA'S THRU	11/12/2021 2:02 PM
25	Is this a way for the council to countermand a popular vote expected to go sideways or a genuinely useful tool?	11/12/2021 1:51 PM

Q12 What is the ZIP code of your residence?

Answered: 253    Skipped: 7



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
98601 Amboy	1.19%	3
98604 Battle Ground	4.35%	11
98606 Hockinson	1.58%	4
98607 Camas	8.30%	21
98629 La Center	2.37%	6
98642 Ridgefield	4.74%	12
98660 Vancouver West	4.35%	11
98661 Vancouver/Minnehaha	9.49%	24
98662 Five Corners	5.53%	14
98663 Vancouver Central	6.32%	16
98665 Hazel Dell	5.14%	13
98671 Washougal	3.16%	8
98674 Woodland	0.40%	1
98675 Yacolt	0.79%	2
98682 Orchards	9.88%	25
98683 Cascade Park	7.11%	18
98684 Mill Plain East	4.35%	11
98685 Felida	10.28%	26
98686 Salmon Creek/Mt. Vista	4.35%	11
98666 Central Vancouver	0.40%	1
98664 Minnehaha Area	4.35%	11
Other (please specify)	1.58%	4
TOTAL		253

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	98683	11/15/2021 8:42 AM
2	98664	11/13/2021 3:41 PM
3	98664 not Minnehaha	11/12/2021 9:16 PM
4	98682	11/12/2021 2:17 PM